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CITATION OF PRIOR ART

Sir:

For the possible benefit of anyone subsequently assessing the scope and/or validity of a patent issuing on the above application, please place the attached reference in the application file. This reference is entitled "Digitale Bildcodierung - Repräsentation, Kompression, und Übertragung von Bildsignalen".

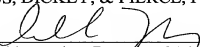
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